Massachusetts Smallpox Response Plan

EMS Response to Highly Contagious Illness (HCI)

Once HCI is suspected don airborne infection control PPE, including appropriate respiratory protection. Protect vehicle as per protocols. Does patient have Does patient have a symptoms, signs or Usual treatment for illness. vesicular rash? history compatible with HCI? Maintain airborne precautions, treat patient Has the patient following appropriate HCI Nο had a fever? protocol. Notify receiving facility. Smallpox unlikely. Maintain Did fever appear airborne precautions and before rash? notify hospital of febrile rash illness. Yes or Unsure Áre lesions mainly on the face and No extremities and on the palms and soles? July 2004

Smallpox possible. Maintain airborne precautions. Notify hospital. Transport patient wrapped in a sheet with a surgical mask or oxygen by non-rebreather mask. Crew and vehicle only to remain in service when released by hospital physician, MDPH, or local public health.